



# THE BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### UNSUNG MASTER

By MARGA LINCOLN - Independent Record - 02/24/08

While many Montanans recognize the name and works of Charlie Russell, fewer are familiar with the name William Standing, who some historians consider his American Indian counterpart.

### HELENA GROUP WORKING WITH U.N. COMMITTEE ON VIOLENCE

By MARGA LINCOLN - Independent Record - 02/23/08

More than one in three Native American women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetimes. And 80 percent of the assaults will be committed by non-Indians.

### U.S. 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE CONDUCTS FOLLOW-UP ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION

Glacier Reporter (02/27/08)

USDA's Montana Agriculture Statistics' office in Helena is providing assistance for Blackfeet tribal and Glacier/Pondera producers to complete their 2007 Census of Agriculture forms.

### TRIBAL TEAM TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR WATER AGREEMENT

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter (02/27/08)

"With Congress, first we made an initial appearance in Washington, D.C.," said the Blackfeet Tribe's head water compact negotiator, Don Wilson, Monday, Feb. 25.

### MONTEAU: KEEPING MONEY IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Indianz.com (02/22/08)

"Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Carl Artman, Mashantucket Chairman Michael Thomas, Seminole Chairman Mitchell Cypress and other United South and Eastern Tribes recently announced a new economic development initiative that would link land rich, cash poor tribes with wealthy gaming tribes. The purpose is to stimulate purchasing by the wealthy tribes from these partner tribes.

### POLSON YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS RECOGNIZED BY RES 2008

Char-Koosta News (02/28/08)

PHOENIX, Ariz. - With the RES 2008 conference coming up in early March, planners for the Reservation Economic Summit 2008 (RES 2008) have announced this year's winners of the American Indian Business of the Year, Tribal Enterprise of the Year and Youth Entrepreneurs of the Year.

## JOB VACANCIES:

### JOB OPENING IN THE DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION:

**DEFINED CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNTANT, POSITION #61403826**, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$29,223 to \$36,529 DOQ. Performs accounting work in maintaining the financial records of the Defined Contribution Plans of MPERA. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. Monday March 10, 2008. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=312](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=312)

### SAPAI PROGRAM MANAGER/ PACE OUTREACH DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES/ PACE

The University of Montana seeks a Program Manager for Students to Academic Professoriate for American Indians (SAPAI) sponsored by the National Science Foundation to accomplish two goals at the national level. First, to increase rates of thesis and dissertation completion for American Indian and Alaska Natives (AIAN) graduate students in science and, second, to increase the AIAN representation in science faculties at Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). PACE Outreach involves engaging American Indian Women in the scientific enterprise and establishing a network of Indigenous Women Scientists.

#### Position Duties

- The Program Manager will oversee the development of informational resources tailored to projects needs as well as the preservation and maintenance of an easily retrievable record of all project activities.
- He or she will be responsible for directing the preparation of project written and verbal presentations, announcements, brochures, training materials, etc.
- He or she will be responsible for networking with diverse staff and faculty both on the UM campus and throughout Indian Country as well as supervision of the project including oversight of the IT specialist and student assistants.

#### Qualifications

- Master's degree or equivalent professional experience in a relevant field. Knowledge in the area of American Indian Higher Education and Tribal Colleges in particular is required.
- Excellent organizational skills along with superior written and verbal communications skills are required.
- An interest in and knowledge of issues concerning graduate degree completion and TCU faculty roles and responsibilities is highly desirable.
- An demonstrate an ability to work cooperatively while also providing the leadership and initiative required for moving toward implementation of project activities.
- Supervisory experience and familiarity with word processing, Power Point, e-mail, and spread-sheet software is desirable.

Applicants should submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume or curriculum vitae, (3) a list of three references including name, address, telephone number and e-mail address, and (4) a two-page essay discussing the three factors most likely to increase the numbers of AIANs on the faculties at TCUs.

Send these materials to:

Dr. Penelope F. Kukuk,  
Co-Director of Research Opportunities in Science for Native Americans (ROSNA),  
The University of Montana  
141 N. Corbin Hall  
Missoula MT. 59812. .

Review of applications will begin March 7, 2008 and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference

### MONTANA GEAR UP PROGRAM COORDINATOR

**Position No.:** 51216002 **Location:** Helena, MT

**Salary:** \$26,000 - \$29,000 annually

**Status:** Permanent, Full-Time

**Application Requirements and Deadline:** A completed [State of Montana application form](#), resume, and cover letter relating the applicant's experience and qualifications to the position must be submitted to any local Job Service Office or to the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education, 46 N Last Chance Gulch, P.O. Box 203201, Helena, MT 59620-3201, phone (406) 444-0328. Screening of applications will begin **March 7** and continue until the position is filled. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

This position is eligible for veterans' preference in accordance with state statute.

**Reasonable Accommodations:** Under state and federal law qualified applicants with disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodations. Modifications or adjustments may be provided to assist applicants to compete in the recruitment and selection process. An applicant must request an accommodation when needed. If you need any such accommodation, contact the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) at 406-444-0328. TDD users may use the relay service by dialing 711 **or** 1-800-253-4091.

**Description of Work Unit:** Montana GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is in the third year of a six-year grant awarded to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. The GEAR UP program works with twenty-five middle schools in low income communities and their receiving high schools to develop pro-college school cultures. Montana GEAR UP believes that postsecondary education is possible for all Montana students, regardless of economic background, and strives to empower them to realize that ambition. GEAR UP brings this message to middle and high schools, students, their parents, and communities through various services and activities, such as career and college awareness activities and resources, financial aid information, academic support and enrichment activities, job shadowing, college visits, summer enrichment programs, counselor resources, professional development, parent involvement program, and more. A significant scholarship program is also a component of GEAR UP.

**Duties:** This position is a combination of information technology, fiscal, special project management, and administrative duties. Information technology duties include designing, maintaining, and updating GEAR UP web pages; information technology support to staff and field; database design and query; and technical support to school personnel with web-based assessment. Fiscal duties include keeping GEAR UP accounting records; balancing monthly to SABHRS; processing all invoices; monitoring and reconciling contracts; processing travel forms; and interpreting technical data to assist with federal grant requirements. Special project management includes coordination, execution, and evaluation of special projects including GEAR UP monthly newsletter, annual GEAR UP poster contest, and other projects as assigned. Administrative responsibilities include office management; records management; event planning and coordination; compiling and updating contacts; creation of professional and technical correspondence, reports, publications, forms, and contact lists; and assisting with staff projects as assigned.

**Competencies:** The successful candidate will be a motivated, flexible, self-starter who can ensure an efficient, timely flow of work while being frequently interrupted. He or she will have the ability to learn quickly and take initiative to complete assigned projects independently and in a

professional manner. This position requires an understanding of budget development and an ability to reconcile expenditures to accounting records with accuracy and produce useful reporting. In addition, this position requires excellent verbal and written communication skills; a friendly, professional manner when working with school personnel, co-workers, and the public as well as a willingness to work with diverse populations; a high degree of accuracy, attention to detail, and strong organizational skills; and teamwork skills with a willingness to support other staff with their projects.

The successful candidate will have the ability to review and interpret data; the knowledge of where information can be obtained with precision, accuracy and on short notice; knowledge of office practices and procedures; the desire and ability to look for more efficient procedures; and to accept, learn and implement new procedures. Information technology competencies include technical and creative web experience and the ability to design and update web pages using Dreamweaver or similar software. Further information technology competencies include strong skills and experience in office productivity software including Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, Publisher, and PowerPoint as well as Adobe Acrobat.

**Education and Experience:** At least two years college level coursework in a relevant field, plus four years progressively responsible experience, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Bachelor's degree preferred. Requires experience in designing and updating web pages, and providing technical support.

**St. Labre Indian Catholic School, Ashland, MT**  
School Openings for the 08-09 Academic Year:

**ACADEMY PRINCIPAL** St. Labre Indian Catholic School  
(GRADES 5-8)

**HS ART TEACHER** St. Labre Indian Catholic School

**DRUG/ALCOHOL** St. Labre Indian Catholic School  
**COUNSELOR I OR II**

**K-4 TEACHER** St. Labre Indian Catholic School

Interested applicants should complete a St. Labre Employment Application and submit it no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date to the Human Resources Department, Attn: Faye Thompson, P.O. Box 77, Ashland, MT 59003 or e-mail to [ftompson@stlabre.org](mailto:ftompson@stlabre.org). Applications and Job Descriptions may be obtained at the St. Labre website at [www.stlabre.org](http://www.stlabre.org) or the Human Resources Department, 406-784-4518.

The **University of Montana School of Law** invites applications for a two-year **LEGAL WRITING FELLOWSHIP**. The Legal Writing Fellowship provides an opportunity for a new teacher to develop pedagogical skills and scholarship in a supportive academic environment.

The successful candidate will work with the Director of the Legal Writing Program to teach the two, required, first-year legal writing courses and may assist in the other components of the Law School's legal writing program, including the appellate advocacy course and advanced writing requirement. The Legal Writing Fellow will be encouraged to take part in the full range of faculty activities. The law faculty is committed to providing a supportive environment encouraging development as a teacher and scholar.

Application materials should be sent to Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee, School of Law, The University of Montana, 32 Campus Drive #6552, Missoula, MT 59812-

6552. Applications will be reviewed beginning March 15, 2008, and the application period will remain open until the position is filled.

ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference

## EVENTS/TRAINING:

**IF YOU ARE A NATIVE AMERICAN OR MINORITY FARMER OR RANCHER WITH A FARMING PROJECT IDEA**, you are invited to use a new grant writing assistance project of the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute. We help you apply to grant programs of the US government that will help you accomplish projects to improve your farming business. We do this by matching you with an experienced Grant Writing Advisor in your area. The Advisor helps you choose a grant program that fits your goals. They help you outline a plan of work for you to follow to meet the federal deadline and requirements. The Advisor helps you identify local partners (agency staff, nonprofit organizations, or local volunteers with experience in grant writing and managing projects) to strengthen your project and to help complete the grant program requirements.

These grantwriting services are free to all Native American, minority, or women farmers and ranchers. Most grant program deadlines are during the fall and winter, so please act now. Contact Deirdre Birmingham at (608) 967-2362.

Visit our website at

[http://www.michaelfieldsaginst.org/programs/policy/producer\\_grantwriting\\_assistance.html](http://www.michaelfieldsaginst.org/programs/policy/producer_grantwriting_assistance.html).

**SURVEY INVESTIGATING THE BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF MONTANA'S CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION SYSTEM**

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A new study, supported by the Washington Foundation and the Governor's Office, is investigating the business and economic impacts of Montana's child care and early education system (also called "child care").

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This survey to Montana's businesses is designed to understand the links between business and child care in Montana that will, in turn, assist in growing the industry to meet the needs of both consumers and business.

Your assistance will be very helpful and gratefully appreciated. Thank you in advance for answering the seven questions.

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**ICC Indian Enterprises** is the premier realty training and consulting services organization for American Indian Tribes and the companies and government organizations that support them. ICC offers regularly scheduled classes, customized on-site training, consulting services, and office automation solutions

tailored to the needs of today's Indian Tribes and their service providers, such as the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of the Special Trustee (OST), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Mineral Management Service (MMS), Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), as well as private sector organizations that conduct business with Indian Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. ICC has two certification programs, the Indian Land Professional (ILP) for people seeking certification in the Indian realty field and the Oil and Gas Inspector Professional

for people working in oil and gas. ICC provides services pertaining to Indian Allotments.

If you have questions regarding your land, you may email ICC at [indianre@ix.netcom.com](mailto:indianre@ix.netcom.com)

## **GRANTS/ OPPORTUNITIES:**

**ST. LABRE INDIAN SCHOOL ADVANCED BIOLOGY STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS** for Trip of a Lifetime Your purchase of Marie Sharp's Habanero Pepper Sauce will help send American Indian students to live amongst other indigenous peoples of Costa Rica to study the zoology, botany and biology of the region.

What began as an incentive to attract students into advanced biology, has blossomed into an annual hands-on trip for nearly a dozen students who compete academically in the college-level class.

Learn more at <http://www.stlabre.org/Ads/Belize.asp> or contact Michelle Robinson, Manager of Revenue Innovation, St. Labre Indian School, PO Box 77, Ashland, MT 59003, 406.784.4529, [mrobinson@stlabre.org](mailto:mrobinson@stlabre.org)

### **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE/Rural Housing Service NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY FOR THE SECTION 533 HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008**

Announcement Type: Initial Notice inviting applications from qualified applicants for Fiscal Year 2008.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA): 10.433.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS), an agency within Rural Development, announces that it is soliciting competitive applications under its Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program. The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, which may include, but not be limited to, faith-based and community organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. In addition, the HPG program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. This action is taken to comply with Agency regulations found in 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N, which require the Agency to announce the opening and closing dates for receipt of preapplications for HPG funds from eligible applicants. The intended effect of this Notice is to provide eligible organizations notice of these dates.

DATES: The closing deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this Notice is 5 p.m., local time for each Rural Development State Office on April 21, 2008. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. RHS will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline date and time. Acceptance by the United States Postal Service or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and postage due applications will not be accepted.

Montana State Office; 900 Technology Blvd., Suite B, Bozeman, MT 59771, (406) 585-2515, TDD (406) 585-2562, Deborah Chorlton.

### **DIVISION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND DISEASE PREVENTION: URBAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Indian Health Service (IHS) announces competitive cooperative agreement applications are now being accepted by the Division of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention (DEDP) to establish a Tribal Epidemiology Center (TEC) for American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and urban Indian organizations in California. This program is authorized under Snyder Act, 25 U.S.C. 13, and 25 U.S.C. 1621m of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. This announcement limits competition to all eligible entities within the California Area. To obtain details regarding eligibility, please refer to Section III below.

### **HEALTH PROFESSIONS PREPARATORY, HEALTH PROFESSIONS PREGRADUATE AND INDIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is committed to encouraging American Indians and Alaska Natives to enter the health professions and to assuring the availability of Indian health professionals to serve Indians. The IHS is committed to the recruitment of students for the following programs: The Indian Health Professions Preparatory Scholarships authorized by section 103 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), as amended. The Indian Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarships authorized by section 103 of the IHCIA, as amended. The Indian Health Professions Scholarships authorized by section 104 of the IHCIA, as amended. Full-time and part-time scholarships will be funded for each of the three scholarship programs.

### **PRIVACY ACT OF 1974: REPORT OF A NEW SYSTEM OF RECORDS: SANITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT RECORDS**

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, we are proposing to establish a new system titled, "Sanitation Facilities Construction Individual Applicant Records (SFCIA), System No. 09-17-004." Under the provisions of the Indian Sanitation Facilities Act, Pub. L. 86-121 (42 U.S.C. 2004a), IHS is charged with carrying out the functions to determine basic individual and home eligibility for sanitation services. The primary purpose of this system is to determine eligibility of individuals and homes for sanitation services; budget justification for appropriation and project development to serve eligible homes and persons with sanitation facilities; to monitor, track and report status and progress of services provided; to maintain records on and to verify individuals' eligibility for services; and to link with the IHS Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) for purposes of verifying and determining individuals' eligibility.

### **CATALOG FOR GIVING GRANTS**

February 20, 2008

Groups that serve at-risk children and youth may apply for listing by the [Catalog for Giving](#), a New York organization that helps direct funding to its member organizations. Up to 10 organizations will be selected to appear in the upcoming 5th edition of the catalog. The organization utilizes a rigorous screening process to review and select innovative, community-based startup groups that provide valuable life skills to youth. To qualify for listing, groups must provide direct services to low-income children and youth in New York City, be independent nonprofits, and have a budget of between \$150,000 and \$1 million. Groups listed in the catalog have typically received between \$40,000 and \$70,000 in annual funding.. Application deadline is March 14.



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<http://www.jointogether.org/news/funding/opportunities/2008/catalog-for-giving-grants.html>

### **VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION CAPACITY BUILDING**

Funding Opportunity Number: CNCS-COOP-021308-001  
 Opportunity Category: Discretionary  
 Posted Date: Feb 13, 2008  
 Creation Date: Feb 27, 2008  
 Current Closing Date for Applications: Mar 10, 2008 Please submit an e-mail stating your intent to apply to VolCapBuild@cns.gov by February 20, 2008 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.  
 Archive Date: Mar 11, 2008  
 Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement  
 Category of Funding Activity: Community Development Education  
 Expected Number of Awards: 1  
 Estimated Total Program Funding: \$5,000,000  
 Award Ceiling: \$5,000,000  
 CFDA Number: 94.007 -- Planning and Program Development Grants  
 Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

**Eligible Applicants** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Additional Information on Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are national nonprofit organizations (national intermediaries, associations, alliances, consortia, and networks) and national public charities, faith-based and other community organizations, and national private foundations. For the purposes of this competition a national non-profit organization is defined as a non-profit that has on-going, demonstrable relationships with volunteer connector organizations in at least one state in each of the five clusters of the country used by the Corporation to organize its field operations. The clusters are: 1) Pacific (AK, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY), 2) Atlantic (NJ, MD, DE, CY, DC, RI, MA, PA, PR, NY, MN, MT, NH), 3) North Central (IL, IN, IO, MI, MN, NB, OH, SD, ND, WI), 4) Southern (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV), and 5) Southwest (AZ, AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX). We expect the successful applicant will have well-developed relationships and networks in the volunteer sector. Applicants must also be able to develop a program that can serve as a national model for capacity-building for volunteer organizations. Lobbying: Any organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4) that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply. Current Grantees: A national organization that currently operates a Corporation-funded program or is applying for other Corporation funding is eligible to apply.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS UNDER THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965**

Document Type: Modification to Previous Grants Notice  
 Funding Opportunity Number: EDA021908  
 Opportunity Category: Discretionary  
 Posted Date: Feb 19, 2008  
 Creation Date: Feb 26, 2008  
 Current Closing Date for Applications: Proposals under this competitive solicitation are accepted on a continuing basis and applications are invited and processed as received.

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement Grant  
 Category of Funding Activity: Community Development Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification) Regional Development  
 Category Explanation: EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. In implementing this mission pursuant to its authorizing statute, the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 3121 et seq.) (PWEDA), EDA advances economic growth by assisting communities and regions experiencing chronic high unemployment and low per capita income to create an environment that fosters innovation, promotes entrepreneurship, and attracts increased private capital investment. EDA also administers the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Program (TAA Program) under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. §§ 2341-2391) (Trade Act). Under this program, EDA funds a national network of eleven (11) non-profit organizations known as Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers, with each being assigned a different geographic service region, which in turn provide technical assistance to firms that have been adversely affected by increased import competition.  
 Estimated Total Program Funding: \$249,100,000  
 CFDA Number: 11.300 -- Grants for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities  
 CFDA Number: 11.302 -- Economic Development\_Support for Planning Organizations  
 CFDA Number: 11.303 -- Economic Development\_Technical Assistance  
 CFDA Number: 11.307 -- Economic Adjustment Assistance  
 Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

**Eligible Applicants** State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Special district governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

**Additional Information on Eligibility:** Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA investment assistance include a(n): (i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3. Projects eligible for Public Works or Economic Adjustment investment assistance include those projects located in regions meeting "Special Need" criteria (as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 300.3), as set forth in section VIII.B. of this announcement. For-profit, private-sector entities do not qualify for investment assistance under PWEDA. Nonetheless, under its Local Technical Assistance Program or National Technical Assistance Program, EDA

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may make an award to a for-profit organization to carry out specific research or for other purposes set forth in 13 C.F.R. § 306.1. See also 42 U.S.C. § 3147. EDA is not authorized to provide grants directly to individuals or to for-profit entities seeking to start or expand a private business. Such requests may be referred to State or local agencies, or to non-profit economic development organizations serving the region in which the project will be located.

**Agency Name:** Economic Development Administration

**Description:** EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Under this announcement, EDA solicits proposals or applications (as appropriate) for the following programs under PWEDA: (i) Public Works; (ii) Planning; (iii) Local Technical Assistance; and (iv) Economic Adjustment Assistance. EDA will provide Public Works investments to support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry, support technology-led development, accelerate new business development, and enhance the ability of regions to capitalize on opportunities presented by free trade. The Planning Program helps support planning organizations, including District Organizations and Indian Tribes, in the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDS), and for related short-term planning investments and State plans designed to create and retain higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the nation's most economically distressed regions. The Local Technical Assistance Program helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in economically distressed regions from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues. The Economic Adjustment Assistance Program provides a wide range of technical, planning, and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. This program is designed to respond flexibly to pressing economic recovery issues and is well suited to help address challenges faced by U.S. communities and regions.

**If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:**

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